

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 29, 2014

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 29, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Cathy Pratt, Deputy Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December 15th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

LIBRARY

Bruce Levi mentioned the subject of the Library and the fact that they were still working on it. Mark Bacon moved to continue the issue of the Library and Ken Masters seconded it.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashley Stevens was present and presented the Community Corrections Grant Application for the 2015-2017 fiscal years. She informed the Commissioners that the grant was increased by \$8464 per year for both years making the grant total \$158,764 a year for two years for a total of \$317, 568 for the two-year life of the grant. Ken Masters moved that the Commissioners approve the grant and Mark Bacon seconded it.

4-H HORSE AND PONY

Bruce Levi mentioned the letter previously received from the 4-H Horse and Pony club indicating that they were unable to mow and maintain their leased grounds due to financial constraints. The Commissioners decided to have Kristie Amos, Rush County Extension Agent, meet with Paul Wilkinson, new incoming Rush County Commissioner, to come up with a plan to address this issue and get back to the Commissioners by the second meeting in February. Mark Bacon made a motion to approve this plan and Ken Masters seconded it.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, Rush County EMA Director presented to the Commissioners an Indiana Department of Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$18,479.94 which will be used for interoperable communications, new radios and CERT. Mark Bacon moved to approve the signing of the grant and Ken Masters approved.

APC

Rhea Dawn Buckley, Executive Director of the APC presented three contracts for the Commissioners to sign.

The first was a contract with K.K. Gerhart-Fritz for the APC Consulting Planning Assistant. The contract would be effective January 1st and cover the period of 1 year. Ms.

Gerhart-Fritz was there to answer any questions the Commissioners may have had. Mark Bacon moved to approve this contract and Ken Masters seconded.

The second was a contract with Coor's Consulting for Map Consultant. This is a renewal of the previous year's contract. Everything will stay the same. Mark Bacon moved to approve this contract and Ken Masters seconded.

The third and last contract was with Grant Reeves for Legal Counsel. After reviewing the contract, Ken Masters moved to approve the contract and Mark Bacon seconded.

HEALTH

Terri Nigh, Rush County Health Department, was present to ask the Commissioners for permission to hire a part-time Community Outreach Coordinator. It will be paid through the Local Health Maintenance Grant. The approval from the State was received on December 23rd. The position will begin in January and it will be for a 12 month contract. It is a contracted part-time position with no benefits. They will be reimbursed for mileage. The position will be advertised for 7 days. Mark Bacon moved to approve the hiring of this position and Ken Masters seconded it.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported the inmate count was still down with 24 inmates, 14 males and 10 females. He thanked everyone for their support over the last 8 years.

JANITORIAL CONTRACT

A proposal from Gilliam's Janitorial Service for janitorial services in the courthouse was presented with no changes to the current contract. Mark Bacon moved to accept the proposal and Ken Masters seconded it.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Leigh Morning, County Attorney, presented Ambulance Service Agreement Contracts for the Commissioners to sign and approve. There were no changes to the contract with Rush Memorial but there were increases for the volunteer fire department ambulance services. Ken Masters moved to approve the contracts as presented. Mark Bacon seconded.

COURTHOUSE ROOF REPAIR

An invoice from Wellman Brothers, Inc for courthouse roof repair was presented. We have exceeded the amount of the contract previously made with Wellman Brothers. Bruce Levi stated that he had been in contact with Wellman Brothers regarding this issue and the repairs were necessary. Leigh Morning advised she would take a look at the invoices and contract and determine what needed to be done. The issue is tabled until that time.

AUDITOR

Cathy Pratt, Deputy Auditor presented claims and payroll for the Commissioners to approve. Claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. Payroll was approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.

AREA PLAN FLOOD PLAIN

The public hearing of the County Commissioners regarding the Flood Plain Maps will be changed to January 8th at 10 a.m.

RETIREMENT OF OFFICIALS

The Commissioners thanked Ken Masters, Rush County Commissioner and Jeff Sherwood, Rush County Sheriff for their many years of service. They thanked Ken Masters for being a good example for all future Commissioners. They thanked Jeff Sherwood for his many years of service at the Sheriff's Department and for running a good department for the last 8 years. They thanked Jeff particularly for his excellent budgetary skills during his tenure as Sheriff. Both officials thanked the County for the opportunity to serve. Commemorative books signed by everyone in the courthouse were presented to Ken and Jeff.

Ken Masters moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Cathy Pratt
Cathy Pratt, Deputy Auditor